



Docket No.: 050212-0631 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Eisuke SASAOKA, et al.

Confirmation Number: 6952

Application No.: 10/519,381

Group Art Unit: 2883

Filed: September 20, 2005

Examiner: R. Lepisto

For: OPTICAL FIBERS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated July 21, 2006, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, and §0372, requiring election of:

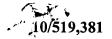
Group I. Claims 1 through 8 and 17 through 19, directed to an optical fiber;

Group II. Claims 9 through 11 and 14 through 19, directed to another optical fiber; or

Group III. Claims 12, 13 and 14 through 19, directed to yet another optical fiber according to the Examiner.

In response Applicants elect to prosecute optical fiber claims 1 through 8 and 17 through 19 (Group I). Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 8 and 17 through 19 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,



including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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